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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2749

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF FUEL SUPPLIED TO USN SHIPS

REF: STATE 148119

1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING REFTTEL, BUT IN ADDITION TO
PERSONNEL TURNOVER IN CONGEN, THERE HAS BEEN A WORKERS'
TAKE-OVER OF LOURENCO MARQUES REFINERY, OF WHICH WE HAVE
JUST LEARNED DETAILS (SEE SEPTTEL).

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2. ON JULY 22, OPERATIONS MANAGER JACOBETTY DELIVERED TO

CONSUL GENERAL WRITTEN PROPOSAL RE REPLACEMENT OF FUEL
SUPPLIED TO USN SHIPS WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARGES PER BARREL:

- A. UNLOADING - 8.05 ESCUDOS (\$0.314)
- B. STORAGE - 5.25 ESCUDOS (\$0.205)
- C. BUNKERING - 1.90 ESCUDOS (\$0.074)
- D. TOTAL - 15.20 ESCUDOS (\$0.593)

3. ABOVE CHARGES BASED ON FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS: DENSITY
0.833; FOB VALUE \$0.281 PER US GALLON (PERSIAN GULF); RATE
OF EXCHANGE 25.591 ESCUDOS PER US DOLLAR (OR WHATEVER CURRENT
RATE IS).

4. FUEL WOULD NOT BE STORED SEPARATELY BUT MIXED WITH OTHER
DIESEL FUEL SAME QUALITY AND WE COULD DRAW ON IT AS NEEDED.

5. COMMENT: WE UNABLE JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT ABOVE CHARGES
REASONABLE, THOUGH THEY SEEM IN THE DALL PARK TO US. POUCHINR
LETTER WITH DETAILS. WE BELIEVE THAT RISK OF SONAREP AGREE-
MENT NOT BEING HONORED BY ANY NEW MANAGEMENT OR GOVERNMENT
IN NEXT TWELVE MONTHS IS NOT GREAT, THOUGH WE CANNOT ASSUME
USN SHIPS WILL BE ALLOWED VISIT WHEN ANF IF RADICAL BLACK-
MAJORITY GOVERNMENT IN POWER. WE ALSO HAVE IN MIND THAT
UNFRIENDLY PUBLICITY MIGHT RESULT FROM TANKER VISIT, TOH
EFFECT THAT USN ESTABLISHING A DEPOT HERE, BUT WE BELIEVE
THIS IS RISK WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE.

6. REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS.
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